

### Remarks/Arguments

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-127 were previously pending in the present application. Claims 45-127 were previously withdrawn and Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 28, and 34 were canceled. Accordingly, Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-27, 29-33, and 35-127 are currently pending in this application.

#### Election of Species

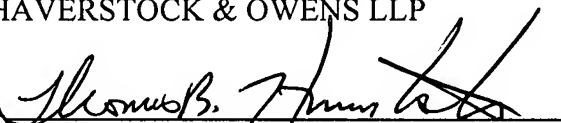
The Applicants elect the second species, namely "some alternate interface layer". In response to the further restriction requirement, the Applicants elect the second sub-species, namely micro-porous structure of sintered metal. There is no traverse.

#### Drawing Requirement

In response to the drawing requirement, the Applicants submit new Figure 21. The new figure shows a micro-porous structure 110' in place of the microchannel walls 110. The micro-porous structure can be either sintered metal or silicon foam. Accordingly, the **"proposed drawing correction FULLY illustrat[es] that species and sub-species [as] required in response to this action."** As the substitution of a micro-porous structure for microchannel walls was clearly and unambiguously disclosed in the application as filed on page 22, lines 19-22, **there is no new matter by this amendment.**

The Applicants respectfully request examination and reconsideration in view of the amendments above and remarks above. Following the above amendments, Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-27, and 32-127 are currently pending. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he or she is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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